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1. IN COMPARISON WITH DIRECT AID FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS PLUS ASSISTANCE FROM THE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND, THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE UNDP IS MINUTE. UNDP FUNDS TO THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES ARE IN THE RANGE OF DOLS 200-300 THOUSAND PER YEAR WHILE THOSE FROM THE DUTCH AND THE COMMON MARKET ARE APPROXIMATELY NAF 50 MILLION OR DOLS 27 MILLION. THE MAJOR PORTION OF UNDP FUNDS ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE TWO PROJECTS DESCRIBED BELOW IN MORE DETAIL. OTHER SMALLER PROJECTS INVOLVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF UN EXPERTS FOR PERIODS OF UP TO ONE YEAR IN ADVISORY CAPACITIES ARE CARRIED OUT FROM TIME TO TIME: AT PRESENT, THERE ARE NO SUCH EXPERTS IN THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES.

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WM PROGRAMMING IS UNDER THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR

THE AREA, WHO IS NOT PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE NA: IN PRACTICE HOWEVER, THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES IS THE FOCAL POINT OF ECONOMIC AID AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING FOR THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. ALL AID, BILATERAL & MULTILATERAL IS CHanneled THROUGH THIS OFFICE SO THAT DUPLICATION AND COORDINATION PROBLEMS DO NOT ARISE.

3. IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES & SERVICES FOR CIVIL AVIATION.

A. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE 1970 WITH FIELD WORK BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 1972 WITH THE ARRIVAL OF UN EXPERTS. JOINTLY FUNDED BY THE UNDP & THE GNA IT INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF ELECTRONIC AIDS INCLUDING SURVEILLANCE RADAR, THE DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES BASED ON THE USE OF RADAR AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SERVICES. THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TRAINING CENTER WAS OPENED ON DECEMBER 4, 1973 & HAS SO FAR HAD 56 STUDENTS.

B. THE MODIFIED ASR 7 RADAR PURCHASED BY THE GNA FROM TEXAS INSTRUMENTS IS SCHEDULED TO BE INSTALLED IN A NEW BUILDING WHICH IS BEING BUILT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION. THE RADAR WILL PROVIDE AN APPROACH SERVICE FOR PLESMAN AIRPORT AND AN AREA SERVICE FOR CURACAO AREA CONTROL CENTER.

C. UNDP CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT IS DOLS 585,459 SOMEWHAT LESS THAN THE GNA CONTRIBUTION OF DOLS 928,890. THE BULK OF THE UNDP FUNDS ARE FOR EXPERTS SALARIES & EXPENSES AND FOR LOCAL FELLOWSHIPS. EQUIPMENT DONATED THROUGH THE UNDP AMOUNTS TO DOLS 42,377, OVER THE COURSE OF THE PROJECT.

D. EXTREMELY GOOD COOPERATION IS EVIDENT BETWEEN THE GNA S COOPERATING AGENCY, THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE UNDP EXPERTS. THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION BELIEVES STRONGLY IN THE WORTH OF THE PROJECT AND IN THE NECESSITY FOR ADEQUATE AIRCRAFT SAFETY MEASURES AS A STRONG CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMICALLY IMPORTANT TOURIST SECTOR OF THE NA ECONOMY. THEY ALSO HOPE EVENTUALLY THAT THE TRAINING SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN TO OTHER CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

4. HANDCRAFT INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT PROJECT.

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A. UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE ILO, THE HANDCRAFT PROJECT HAS BEEN OPERATING FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES WITH NO VISIBLE EFFECT. THE TANNERY PROJECT ON CURACAO, WHILE NOMINALLY IN OPERATION HAS HAD LITTLE SUCCESS AND EVEN LESS IMPACT. IT HAS BEEN ALMOST INVISIBLE IN TERMS OF SUPPLYING THE LOCAL MARKET WITH LEATHER MADE FROM LOCAL GOATSKINS. THE TANNERY PROJECT APPEARS A WASTE OF TIME, EFFORT AND FUNDS.

B. THE RECENT ARRIVAL OF AN ILO PRODUCTION AND MARKETING EXPERT HAS LED TO A REORDERING OF PRIORITIES AND SOME SYSTEMATIC GOAL SETTING. ADDITIONAL TECHNICIANS HAVE BEEN RECRUITED AND ARE NOW IN PLACE ON BONAIRE, ARUBA, CURACAO AND SABA. IN ADDITION THE CERAMICS EXPERT, IN THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES SINCE 1972, REMAINS ON CURACAO. THE TECHNICIANS ARE WORKING ON PROJECTS IN WOOD CRAFTS, LEATHER, JEWELLERY, DOLL AND SEWING CRAFTS, AND SILKSCREENING. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CERAMICIST MENTIONED ABOVE, ALL ARRIVED IN 1973.

C. EQUIPMENT IS ON ORDER, BUT MOST OF IT HAD NOT ARRIVED AT THE END OF 1973. OF THE ESTIMATED DOLS 111,900 AUTHORIZED FOR EQUIPMENT, DOLS 55,000 HAD BEEN ORDERED BUT ONLY DOLS 7,100 OF THIS AMOUNT HAD BEEN DELIVERED, A TOTAL OF 6 PERCENT. SINCE 1973 WAS CONSIDERED A "START UP" PERIOD, IT WAS HOPED THAT THE BULK OF THE EQUIPMENT ON ORDER WOULD ARRIVE DURING EARLY PART OF 1974. ONLY PROTOTYPES OF INTENDED PRODUCTION MANUFACTURED WITH LOCALLY AVAILABLE TOOLS HAVE BEEN WORKED ON. WITH THE DELIVERY OF ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT, THE PRODUCTION AND EMPLOYMENT PHASES OF THE PROJECT CAN GET UNDER WAY.

D. IF THE PLANNING GOALS ARE MET, THE PROJECT HOPES TO CREATE ABOUT 150 JOBS BY THE END OF 1974; THIS GOAL IS REASONABLE BUT BY NO MEANS CERTAIN. THERE IS ALSO HOPE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL SUB PROJECTS WILL BE ON A RATIONAL, BUSINESS-LIKE BASIS USING GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY METHODS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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